

REMARKS

Status of the Claims:

The Office Action dated 2005 December 15 has been received and reviewed by the applicant. Claims 1-25 were in the application. No claims were allowed. Claims 1-15 and 18-25 were rejected and claims 16 and 17 were objected to.

Claim Rejection - 35 USC §103

Claims 1-15 and 18-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Taylor (US 5,956,083) in view of Wess (US 6,198,544).

Claims 24 and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fellegara (US 5,845,166) in view of Wess (US 6,198,544).

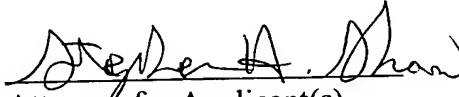
Claims 16 and 17 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, the Applicants have amended independent claim 15 to include the allowable feature previously claimed in claim 16, and also amended claim 17 to depend from claim 15. Claim 16 has been canceled. A new claim, claim 26, depends from claim 15.

Furthermore, the allowable subject matter that was formerly in claim 16 has also been added to claim 1, which covers a digital camera. The language has changed slightly to be consistent with the language of claim 1 and respect antecedent basis. It is believed that amended claim 1 is now also allowable, and so are the claims that depend from it.

Should the Examiner consider that additional amendments are necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, the favor is requested of a telephone call to the undersigned counsel for the purpose of discussing such amendments.

For the reasons set forth above, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and favorable action are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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